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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Bitler et al
Application No. 09/733,744
Filed: 12/08/2000
Title: Polymeric Modifying Agents

Group Art Unit 1924
Examiner: T. Yoon

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20261

REPLY

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed April 15, 2003. Reconsideration, reexamination and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the Amendments and Remarks below, and the Terminal Disclaimer attached hereto.

In the paper entitled "Second Preliminary Amendment and Request for Corrected Filing Receipt" mailed March 26, 2001, Applicants requested a Corrected Filing Receipt. The Office Action mailed April 15, 2003, does not comment on the request for a Corrected Filing Receipt. Attached hereto is a Petition for a Corrected Filing Receipt. If the Examiner is not able to respond to the request for a corrected Filing Receipt, he is asked to forward the Petition to the Petitions Branch.

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